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[Problem]                      The present invention provides a pharmaceutical composition for reducing an infarct region resulting from the ischemic necrosis of cells, especially, a pharmaceutical composition for suppressing ischemia-reperfusion injury in the treatment of ischemic heart disease.

[Means for Solving]              The pharmaceutical composition utilizes a substance, as an active ingredient, which can increase intracellular cGMP production by acting on a natriuretic peptide receptor, and which has the effect of reducing an infarct region (preferably a natriuretic peptide), and the composition is particularly useful for the treatment or prophylaxis of ischemic disease.

[Selected Drawing]      None